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Action for Relief. \*

## DEMOCRATS WILL BE NAMED APRIL SIXTH IN PRIMARY

Legalized Election Ordered by County Democratic Committee-Six Vacancies on Committee Filled.

Democratic candidates for all offices to be filled in the county election next August will be sominated in a legalized primary to be held April 6. Should a run-off be necessary for any offices, it will be held April 15.

The county committee in special session Tuesday morning ordered that the primary shall be held under chapter 35, acts of 1901, which is the legalized primary act. The executive board of the county committee, of which John E. Thomas is chalirman, was empowered to appoint election officers, to fix the pro-rate assessment on candidates, who will pay all the expense of the primary, select the polling places, and have general charge of the election. Candidates must qualify by March 1, at noon, and must sign a pledge to support the nominees of the party.

All but two committeemen answered to their names, and there was an attendance of about 50 visitors, county officials and others.

R. S. Bryan, the chairman of the committee, presided. J. E. Holmes, a member of the committee, presented the resolution providing for the primary, prefacing it with a few remarks upon the need of the Democratic party presenting a united front this year, and stating that by holding a legalized primary, as he proposed, all Democratis would be insured of a square deal in the primary.

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Wayne Pate was elected committeeman from the Tenth ward, succeeding S. A. Waddell, removed from the ward, C. W. Miller was elected for the Thirteenth ward, succeeding J. G. High, removed from the ward; J. S. Hicks, former mayor of Binghamton, is the new committeeman for the Thirty-third ward; Jack Rocco for the Thirty-fitth, and John Pellegrin for the Thirty-fitth. W. F. Roberts was elected committeeman for the Sixth district.

The offices to be filled in August are county trustee, sheriff, tax assessor, judge of probate court, two members of the county school board and constables.

constables.

E. H. Crump will be a candidate for re-election as trustee: O. H. Perry, for sheriff, and Judge F. M. Guthfle, for probate judge. D. G. Wells will enter the primary as a candidate for nomination as county tax assessor. No other candidate in the primary has thus far announced but there may be a number of others.

W. T. Condon has said that he intends to make the race for re-election as tax assessor as an independent, and on his record during the present term.

#### Charge This \$1,000 Loss To Telephone "Disservice" Please

Here's another loss by fire amounting to around \$1,000 that ought to be charged to the Cumberland Telephone company's lack of serulcs.

On Sunday night at 11:18, by the watch, four men in an automobile spied a blaze emanating from the home of H. Merkt, 856 Kerr avenue. The men were W. A. Huber, John Shanley, of the city clerk's office, George Ducease and Charles Wilson. They quickly aroused the family and then began the effort to get an alarm through over effort to get an alarm through over the telephone wires to the fire depart-

ment.

Breaking in the window of a nearby drug store, Mr. Huher went to the telephone. He held his watch in hand. After he reached the phone it was exactly five minutes by the watch—not the five minutes it seems like when central neglects your call for one or two minutes, but five full active min-utes, before the rejuctant "numbertwo minutes, but five full active minutes, before the reluctant "number, please." came. By that time the dwelling was a mass of flames, but much of the household effects had been removed. Had the call been answered promptly, it is estimated fully \$1,000 loss could have been saved from the

## BANK ELECTIONS SHOW

All the national and several of the state banks held elections Wednesday for directors, with choosing of officers by the boards to follow. Only a limited number of changes were made, chiefly by addition of one or two names. No important changes were contemplated in the list of officers.

At the First National the only change offered was the adding as director of Raphael S. Bryan, of the Wilson-Ward Cotton Co. The board at the National City will be unchanged, but L. W. Hughes, who has been with the institution for some time, is given the title of assistant to the president.

At the Central-State bank two additions to the board were made, Joseph R. Hyde, secretary and treasurer of Malone & Hyde, Inc., and R. T. Crenshaw, who is cashier of the bank.

The State Savings added the name of George A. Wagner to the board, while the Manhattan Savings and the Commercial Trust made no change.

### NARCOTIC HEARING.

Minnie Hoslett and I. M. Topp, charged with violation of the Harrison antiuarcotic law, will be given hearings before George H. Poole, United States commissioner, Monday afternion. Thomas J. Walsh, assistant district attorney, will act for the government.

### SELECTION E HAD

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 13, 1920.

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40. Sun sets today 5:19 p.m. rises tomorrow 7:08 a.m. Moon rises 1:32 a.m.
tonight. Precipitation, .01 inches. Tennessee-Cloudy, probable local rains; no decided change in tempera-

Mississippi-Cloudy, probable local

Arkansas Partly cloudy to cloudy Alabama-Cloudy, probably local rains. Kentucky-Fair, no decided change in temperature.

Louisiana-Generally cloudy. Oklahoma-Partly cloudy. East and West Texas-Generally fair. North Carolina-Generally cloudy. South Carolina-Cloudy.

Georgia-Cloudy, probable local rains Florida-Fair except probable rain in Kans s Fair, somewhat warmer. false pretenses.

GIRL WINS AN AUTO AS PRIZE IN NATIONAL BEAUTY CONTEST



Miss Anna Altman and view of her in her auto prize.

Miss Anna Altman, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been selected as the winner of the first automobile beauty contest held in America. She was chosen from 2,500 girls whose photographs were submitted from every state in the union, the District of Columbia and the Hawalian Islands. She was selected after a five-hour deadlock of the judges was broken by Coles Phillips, famous artist. Miss Altman received a touring car as her prize.

Scores on Hand to Testify About Sufferings in Mexico.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 13—Scores of witnesses were here today to appear before the senate subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation. It was expected the committee would hold its first hearing late today.

Capt. W. M. Hansen, of the ranger service, has classified those summoned to testify according to the nature of their testimony, and Senator A. B. Fail, chairman of the committee was expected to begin an examination of Hansell's report upon his arrival from El Paso, it appeared probable ex-colonists and other fugitives from Mexico would be the first group asked to tell their stories of conditions in Mexico.

#### U. S. OFFICIAL SATISFIED NO THREAT WAS MEANT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Intelligence officers of the war department are satisfied after an investigation that the simultaneous arrival at Manzanillo. Mexico, of a steamer bearing arms and munitions from Japan and the Japanese cruiser Yakuma had no connection. These officers said today that the Yakuma was a training ship and could not have protected the munitions ship had there been occasion for the effort.

### ALLIED COUNCIL TALKS ONLY MINOR CHANGES OVER HUNGARIAN TREATY

### **BUREAU HEADS MUST DEPOSIT IN ONE BANK**

Mayor Paine and Commissioner Shar Mayor Paine and Commissioner Shan-non, of the finance department, have ordered all heads of city bureaus to de-posit their funds in the bank designat-ed as the city depository, the Union and Planters Bank and Trust company. They discovered that a half dozen or more departments have been in the habit of depositing funds collected daily in some other bank, and their checking on such personal deposits dally in some other bank, and then checking on such personal deposits when making settlements with the city treasurer weekly or semimonthly. This resulted in a loss of several hundred dollars in interest annually, as the city's contract provides that interest is paid on dally balances by the city depository bank.

The order applies to the offices of the collector of licenses and privileges, the inspector of weights and measures. the collector of licenses and privileges, the inspector of weights and measures, the city court and other bureaus which

#### PAYS \$1.500 FOR WATER: **BOOZE SELLER ARRESTED**

collect fees or fines daily.

DECATUR, Ala., Jan. 12. (Spl.)—
Floyd Jacobs, former deputy sheriff,
paid \$1.500 for 100 gallons of cool, clear
branch water. It was good water, said
Jacobs, but he thought he was buying
corn whisky. Ga and Orr, of Hartselle,
is under \$1.000 bail pending hearing on
a charge of obtaining money under

### Noted Moonshiner Is Killed In Fight Against Deputies

HALEYVILE: Aia.. Jan. 13.—Henry Brooks, noted character of North Alabama mountains, battle-scarred veteran of "moonshine" history for 25 years, and nemesis of draft-dodgers during the world war, has been killed in a spectacular "wildcat" raid by sherif's deputies.

trated the picturesque region after an all night ride, and a 40-gallon still was destroyed.

Brooks had served more than one sentence in the federal prison in At-lanta for violations of revenue laws. During the recent war he had aroused great enmity among "moonshiners" of his community by refusing to allow de-serters or slackers to stay in his vicin

### **AUDITOR'S REPORT CONFIRMS DEALERS**

Discovers No Startling Errors in Coal Dealers' Cost Data.

"startling discrepancies" appear

between data submitted by the coa dealers of Memphis to the coal price committee of the Chamber of Comcommittee of the Chamber merce and data collected by Johnson from an audit of the books of a number of the dealers on behalf of the price committee, according to the understanding derived from authoritaunderstanding derived from authors live sources.

Mr. Johnson will present his report of the audit to the price committee at a meeting called for 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce by W. I. Moody, secretary of the committee. He has been collecting the data contained in the report for the past week. PARIS, Jan. 13.—Consideration was given by the supreme council today to a plan for the appointment of a committee of ambassadors to complete the details for the presentation and signing of the Hungarian peace treaty and to carry through the other unfinished business of the peace conference. The decision, however, was left to the heads of the governments of the principal powers.

The necessity for the return home of the Italian and British members of the council was advanced as the reason why another organization should be created.

It is thought the premiers now taking the principal report. It is further expected that if the auditor's report confirms the fig-

ated.

It is thought the premiers now taking part in the conferences here—Clement ceau, Lloyd George and Nitti—will approve of the idea of creating the committee of ambassadors, as many questions likely to come up in the future in connection with the execution of the various peace treaties will be diplomatic questions as well as peace problems.

Whether Hugh C. Wallace the creating the control of the submitted by the dealers to sustain their claim that they can not sell Kentucky coal for less than \$7.25 and make a reasonable return on their investment, or actually avoid loss, the price committee will confirm the \$7.25 price, or at least fix some price better than \$6.55.

### Whether Hugh C. Waliace, the American ambassador, would be a member of the proposed committee has not been determined. FOR SHOOTING HALL

The grand jury Tuesday ignored an indictment against Ed Starr, charged with shooting his son-in-law, W. W. Hall. Hall is in the hospital possibly recovering from wounds which were thought to be fatal inflicted several days ago when Starr shot him after the inter's daughter had accused Hall of mistreating her. The shooting occurred at the Starr home on Garland place. Starr fired twice at Hall, the first shot missing Hall, the second, however, struck him and tore a gaming ever, struck him and tore a gaming

## PHONE PARALYSIS PREVENTS ALARMS; MANY RARE SCENES

Hundreds of guests of the Hotel Gayoso thought that they were in danger of their lives Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, when fire broke out in room No. 420, burned through to rooms on either side of it, sending dense volumes of smoke into the hall and upward to floore above. Clad in nighties, in negligee, pajamas, kimonos, overcoats and other hastily seized articles of wearing apparel, the guests of the hotel flocked

mezzanine floor and lobby, while firemen subdued the flames. The origin of the blaze is a mystery. It was discovered by W. O. Walker, Obion, Tenn., a salesman for the J. B. Colt Farm Lighting System. of New York, who occupied room No. 420. Damage to the hotel will amount to about \$1,500. No figure on the losses to guests who ccupied the three roms swept by flames had been obtained Tuesday afternoon.

Guests were awakened by Miss Vera coat over his nightles, various degrees Strawn, night telephone operator, who sounded the alarm of fire over the bouse telephone into each of the some guest-some hysterical, house telephone into each of the some laughing—this was the Gayoso rooms.

A circle devil total might have reached in a more sailly burned built believed by the service rendered by the cumbers and an animal of fire to the fire deep partment. After frantic efforts to get a resount and sped to the corner of Gayoso man and sped to the corner of G couridor coors on upper floors were thrown open and dense clouds of acrid smoke greeted guests attempting to escape. Pathe selzed many, and in their oewliderment they forgot the location of elevators and stairways. Others, with cooler heads, set them right. Seated on a bed in room 340 Tuesday about noon, clad in his underclothing, W. O. Walker, in whose room the fire started, told of the events which preceded his escape from the hurning room.

Smoke Chokes Walker.

Walker was clad in his underclothing because that was the only garment he had left. Fire destroyed his clothing band burned all of the money he had with him, some 375 or 380.

"I went to bed at midnight," Walker said. "I awakened about 3 o'clock, choking. I thought of escaping gas at first. I got out of bed and fell, I was so nearly overcome.

"My first thought was to get to the." smoke greeted guests attempting to escape. Panic seized many, and in their bewilderment they forgot the location of elevators and stairways, Others, with cooler heads, set them right. Seated on a bed in room 340 Tuesday about noon, clad in his underclothing, W. O. Walker, in whose room the fire started, told of the events which preceded his escape from the burning room.

The hotel's on fire! My room!' I cried to him.

"The beliboy got a fire extinglisher, but he didn't get very close to the blaze. Soon another boy came with a larger extinguisher, on wheels. We turned that in the room, but it didn't seem to belo. I guess the elevator boy told the clerk. And here I am, and you bet I'm thankful to get off with only the loss of my clothes and baggage."

Many amusing happenings, in con-

first. I got out of bed and fell, I was so nearly overcome.

"My first thought was to get to the hall door and out of the gas. I guess I was bewildered, for I learned afterward that it was a closet door which I opened, thinking it led to the hall. A sheet of flame and dense smoke drove me back.

"I thought the hall was ablaze and that I was cut off. I groped to a window, intending to jump. But the distance to the ground was so great that I realized it would kill me if I leaped out. (He was on the fourth floor.) So I groped around the room in the choking smoke.

"My hand finally encountered a door knob. It was the hall door, but I didn't know it. I turned the knob and opened the door. Then I saw I was in the hall. I ran to the elevator and met a beliboy. The hotel's on fire! My room!" I cried to him.

"The beliboy got a fire extinglisher.

Many amusing happenings, in con-nection with the fire, were discussed in halls and the lobby of the hotel Tues-day morning. It was the one topic of conversation. nection with the fire, were discussed in halfs and the lobby of the hotel Tues-day morning. It was the one tople of conversation.

Guests in Panic.

Women with their hair down; other women with their hair done up in curl papers: men barefooted; Manager Bert Parker, pajama clad, with an over-

### SOLON FLAYS ARMY AWARDS OF MEDALS

army decorations for services during the war, Representative Gallivan, Demorat. Massachysetts, declared in the formaticating her. The shooting occurred at the Starr home of Garland place. Starr fired twice a Hall, the first shot missing Hall, the second, howered the Starr home of Garland place. Starr fired twice a Raping of the start home of the Starr home of Garland place. Starr fired twice a Hall, the second, howered the starr home of the sample of D. S. M's these two valiant to the first shot missing Hall, the second, howered the second home of the sample of D. S. M's these two valiant the first shot missing Hall, the second, howered the second home of the sample of D. S. M's these two valiant the first shot missing Hall, the second, howered the second home of the sample of D. S. M's these two valiant the formation of the medium of the medium of the second home second to the second of the common data in the army, sich as now expect his second to the second of the second of the second the ocrat. Massachusetts, declared in the house today more distinguished service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Urging congressional investigation of the award of army decorations for services during the war. Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, declared in the house today more distinguished service medalus in proportion were awarded to

I am."

Hilly dressed in nothing flat.

Men were on the job early Tuesday morning repairing the damage done by the flames. Paistering in the three rooms on the west side of the corridor had to be stripped off, and new woodwork will have to be fitted to the rooms.

BARGES WILL BRING

The steamboat James Moren.

days.

The vessels were inspected here by

nominating convention, Mr. Cummings said.

Chairman Cummings will head the committee and the members will be Mrs George Bass, of Chicago: Miss May E. Foy. Los Angeles; J. Bruce Kremer, Montana: Wilbur M. Marah, Iowas: Edward G. Hoffman, Indiana; Clark Howell, Georgia: Norman E. Mack, New York: Fred B. Lynch, Minnesota; Chas. Bosechenstein, Illinois: E. H. Moore, Ohio; Arthur F. Mullin, Nebraska; Dr. John W. Coughlan, Massachusetts: Isidore B. Dockweller, California; John T. Barnett, Colorado: Patrick H. Quinn, Rhode Island, and Robert H. Elder, Idaho Idaho.

The first meeting of the arrangement committee will be held in San Francisco, probably within the next 69 days. Mr. Cummings said. The committee will be divided into seven subcommittees dealing with specific phases of the convention.

Convention.

## The steamboat James Moren, towing two huge molasses tank barges, which have no motive power of their own, owned by the Sugar Froducts company of New York, arrived at the J. L. Nessly wharf at the foot of Wisconsin avenue. Thesday at 3 a.m. in charge of Capt. J. H. Brown, leaving again at 11:30 a.m. for New Orleans, where the boats will take on the first cargo of black strap molasses for the new molasses distributing plant now nearing completion here. Capt. Brown stated that he expected to reach New Orleans Thursday and return with cargo in 10 days. IRISH REPUBLIC BOND SALE IS POSTPONED

The campaign for the sale of bond certificates of the Irish republic, which was to have been waged during the week beginning Jan. 17 has been post-poned in Tennessee on account of the short time the leaders of the movement had to organize The vessels were inspected here by a number of local men interested in the development of river transportation. S. D. Fuson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, was one of the visitors. The James Moren is a powerful beat equipped with six oil-burning boilers developing 800-horsepower, and with storage capacity for a 10-day fuel supply. short time the leaders of the movement had to organize, and probably will be held Feb. 14-21.

Local leaders are confident that between \$6,000 and \$8,000 worth of the certificates can be sold in Memphis, although no definite quota is to be fixed. The nation-wide campaign will have as its goal the sum of \$10,000,000. The fund is to be used in promoting industries in Ireland, the development of what is now waste land for agricultural purposes, reforestration work to provide for the future timber requirements of the country, and other development projects.

## ASSERTS STATES CANNOT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 —State legis-latures can not under the law repeal ratification of the constituional profil-bition amendment, Wayne B. Wheeler counsel for the Antisaloon league, de-clared today in a statement discussing recommendations for repeal made to the lawnakers of New Jersey. New York and Maryland by the governors of those states. petent to pass. The correctness of this principle, so far as respects general legislation, can never be controverted. But if an act be done under a law a succeeding legislature can not undo it. The past can not be recalled by the most absolute power.

### COOK MUST STAND FOR MURDER OF NIECE

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Jan. 13
(Spl.)—Judge R. W. Smartt, who is bearing the case of William F. Cook, charged with the murder of his wife's niece, Lucy Stanford, near Smyran, in August, 1913, Tuesday overruled Cook's plaint has been filed with the plea in abatement, which alleges that in he had not been given a speedy trial on the charge, as provided by the constitution, and the hearing of testimony was begun. A jury to try the case was completed late yesterday.

### Auto Dangerous Even Before It Is Completed

Shelby County Delegation of Forty, Headed by Miss

### Williams, Urges Legislative NASHVILLE, Tenn. Jan 13, (Spl.)— The meeting of the State Public School Officers' association today state Sup-libert Williams in his address as presi

Central Field Operators Make Single Objection to Prob-

Albert Williams in his address as president declared that the schools of Tennesses did not run long enough and were not supplied with teachers schools were standing idle because no teachers could be employed.

The speaker said that a campaign for increased revenues for school purposes should be undertaken in every county in the state. The platform for this campaign should include a sevent menths school term, competent teachers and adequate superintendence. Today, he said, only is counties are paying their superintendents more than \$1.000 a year out of county funds and of counties are paying their superintendents more than \$1.000 a year out of county funds and counties are paying the said. WASHINGTON, Jan 13 - Mine oper-tors in the central competitive field oday fold the commission named to oday fold the commission named to

President Robinson reminded him that

the commission should determine that point.

"The mine workers understand the award shall be a basis of a new wage agreement, and not of itself an agreement," said John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers. "I trust the record is not being made here which can be used subsequently as a basis for a refusal by the operators to write into a wage agreement the commission's award."

Fresident Robinson said Mr. Crews' stipulation that the commission should have power to determine what the procedure should be had cleared up this point.

crease of 60 per cent in wages, the six-hour work day and five-day week, for the abolition of double shifts and for the consideration by districts of in-ternal differences, and defended each

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Appointment of a committee of 17, including two women, to arrange for the Democratic national convention at San Francisco on June 23, was announced today by Chairman Cummings, of the national committee. This will be the first time women have had a hand in the preliminary arrangements of a presidential nominating convention. Mr. Cummings said. of them.
"The living and social conditions of the miner, the environment in which he has been compelled to raise his family have ever been too low." be a The efficiency and health of mine The efficiency and health of mine workers, he declared, required shorter hours and he added that the miners would endeavor to show the commission that the average bituminous coal miner did not work more than 20 hours a week in any case.

"These demands were not put up by the as a mere preferee on which to us as a mere pretense on which to trade," he continued. "They originat-ed in the minds of the miners themselves and were expressed at their convention which ordered the negotia-tions before strike."

## **HEALTH SURVEY** TO BE MADE SOON

Public Health Service Will Send Expert at Request of Mayor Paine.

A health survey of Memphis will be made soon by trained experts from the United States public health service.

Mayor Paine took this matter up during a recent visit to Washington. He received a letter Tuesday from the surgeon-general stating that a man, or possible several men from the department will be sent to Memphis as soon as their services are available.

Mayor Paine is anxious to have the survey begun as soon as possible, so that the data and report may be available before the appointment of the new head of the city health department. Dr. J. L. Andrews is anxious to devote all his time to his private practice, but has provided to the contraction of the man of the city health department.

## REPEAL U. S. DRY LAWS WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 State legistures can not under the law repeal **BEATING OLD MAN**

lawmakers of New Jersey, New York and Maryland by the governors of those states.

Mr. Wheeler cited the attempt of New Jersey and Ohio to withdraw ratification of the fourteenth amendment. Congress refused to accept the repeal and both states were counted among those with him, according to a report made to Sheriff O. H. Perry by Deputies within a figuratively. Without their ratification the amendment lacked sufficient votes to become operative. The fustice Marshall was quoted by Mr. Wheeler as follows:

"The purposelle laws secretary the control of the county in the General Bospital."

The two deputy snerings were passing the house and heard Gorky calling for The two defaits sherriffs were passing the house and heard Gorky calling for help. They investigated and found Kastuer beating the aged man about the head. Several broken chairs and other pieces of furniture were scattered about the room.

Kastner according to the officers, was under the influence of Jamalca kinger or some other interioris and

some force to place birm under arres and bring aim to the county jail. Gork was taken in charge by neighbors. Kast her is being held until the extent of Gorky's injuries can be ascertained.

### FACES NEW CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (Spl.)—Complaint has been filed with the federal trade commission against Armour & Co., Chicago, alleging that it owns and controls an alleged competing concern, the Lookout file company, Chattanooga. Notice of the complaint will be streed on both concerns.

Operators Are Overworked. Investigator Finds - The Service Is Slow Because of This Deficiency.

Lack of enough operators to handle the switchboards and the consequent overloading of the operators available is absarently the chief reason that the ocal Cumberland Telephone and Tele-graph company is not giving efficient service, according to information se-cured from J. N. Cadby, of Madison, Wis, the telephone engineer who is investigating the service on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce law commit-ice.

During an inspection of the switchboard room in the downtown exchange
of the telephone company, Mr. Cadby
observed that one girl would be serving
from 12 to 15 pluga on the switchboard,
while efficiency tests have established
that 5 to 16 is about all that can be
served with speed and accuracy for any
considerable time.

This condition is chiefly reflected in
the service, according to tests made
by Mr. Cadby in the slowness with
which connections are secured. In making about 60 test calls from both residence and busines houses, in a number
of different locations, Mr. Cadby found
that slowness was the chief fault in
the service. Wrong numbers given
among these 60 calls did not exceed the
average. The investigator also expericaced some trouble with disconnected
calls, but he stated, in fairness to the
telephone company, that the operators
in private exchanges were probably reappensible for some of these disconnections.

Concerning this latter fault, Mr. Cad-

ducted by the telephone company or the business organizations jointly, to train better private operators, such as those who serve in many large business houses and hotels. This, he said, would contribute to the general improvement of the service.

The telephone company management protests that every effort is being made to recruit its corps of operators up to the proper number and they have been making some improvement in this in the mast few days, Mr. Cadby has ob-

not be offering wages sufficient to attract adequately equipped young women to the service, investigation is being made of the wages of young women clerks in the department stores, atemographers, bookkeepers and other young women employed. Wages obtained by young women in these other lines will be compared with the wages paid by the telephone company.

Mr. Cadby stated Tuesday morning that the telephone company is co-operating with him in his investigations very generously, giving him every opportunity to inspect their exchanges and furnishing whatever data he requests. The company does not deny he said, that the service is under parbut pleads inability to correct it because of the impossibility to getting enough trained operators. The company has enough switchbeard equipment to serve the city of Memphis efficiently he said. offering wages sufficient to at-

The investigator was very conservative and guarded in all statements concerning his investigations. In talking to The News Scimitar he said that he did not want to be put in the attitude of making his report to the newspapers instead of to the committee which retained him. He asked that his statements be handled conservatively and he not be put in the light of a seeker after publicity.

Mr. Cadby enjoys a wide experience in telephone matters. He served for 19 years for the Wisconsin railroad commission as head of their service department and directed investigations of telephone, gas and light service throughout the state for that length of time. The investigator was very conserva-

### MAY PUT MEMPHIS ON VALLEY HIGHWAY

CLINTON. Ry., Jan. 13. (Spl.)—Kentucky division of the Mississippi Valley Highway association was organized at a meeting held at the court-bouse Monday afternoon which was attended by a large number of good roads boosters from the towns in Kentucky on this highway, and the farmers residing along same. along same.

The towns on this division are as fol-

lows: Wickliffe, Bardwell, Arington, Clinton and Fulton.
The routing from Fulton, Ky., to St. Louis, St. Paul, Minn., and Duluth is settled as far as the Mississippi Valley highway is concerned, but it is quits likely that the routing from Fulton to New Cleanse may be changed so as to New Orleans may be changed so as to go by the way of Memphis, Tenn., and Jackson. Miss., instead of by the way of Jackson, Tenn., and Meridian, Miss., as Memphis and Jackson are making a strong bid for the changing of the route of the Mississippi Valley highway from Fulton to New Orleans. The changing of the route however will done to of the route, however, will depend to great extent on the activity shown by the citizens along the present marked orange and white trail from Fulton to Jackson, Meridian, Miss., and New Orleans, La.

#### FRANCE TAKES STEPS TO STOP BUILDING WARSHIPS

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Steps were taken by the cabinet today to stop the con-struction of the five dreadnoughts of the Normandie class, laid down just be-fore the war, but never completed. Finance Minister Klotz was authorized to introduce a bill for this purpose. Other measures authorized will direct that the six scout cruisers provided by the law of 1912, as well as 12 scout destroyers, shall be laid down during 1990.

The cabinet also authorized the finance minister to introduce in the chamber the bills for the budget of 1920. The plans for the Normandle class of dreadnoughts provided for vessels displacing 25,230 tons each, with main batteries of 12 13.4-inch guns and 24 5.5-inch guns. Their construction was suspended not long after the outbreak of the war and their 13.4-inch guns were transferred to the army. The building of the dreadnoughts was resumed later.